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Dear Interested Party:

Recently, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District issued a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA), DOI-BLM-NV-W010-2014-0040-DNA and a "Full Force and Effect" Decision Record (DR) for the Sonoma Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) Project.

This decision authorizes the ground seeding of 43 acres and noxious weed inventory across the entirety of the fire and noxious weed treatments on up to 43 acres each year through 2017. The decision to implement the proposed action immediately relies on authority under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and associated BLM regulations under 43 CFR 5003.1 (b). This project meets the determination requirement as an authorized project covered by the Act, as the project stabilizes and rehabilitates lands damaged by wildfire.

The Sonoma Fire was ignited by lightning on 7/31/2014 and contained on 7/31/2014. The Sonoma Fire occurred in the Sonoma Mountains. The fire area burned previously in the Clear Creek Fire in 2001. The entire fire area is classified as Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary Priority Habitat (PPH), mule deer crucial summer habitat, and year-round pronghorn habitat as defined by the Nevada Department of Wildlife. The area is also heavily utilized by assorted small mammals, migratory birds, and is near raptor nesting sites. The loss of shrub cover and nesting and foraging habitat has occurred as a result of the fire. *Eriogonum anemophilum*, windloving buckwheat, a Nevada BLM sensitive species, has been identified in the adjacent mountains, and its habitat could be threatened due to increasing populations of non-native annual plants caused by the Sonoma Fire. The fire occurred on a south-west facing slope along the east side of the Sonoma Mountains. It is estimated that closure to livestock use of the lands affected by the fire may reduce annual use in the Rock Creek Grazing Allotment.

The final Sonoma Fire ESR Project DNA, location maps, and DR can be viewed online at <http://on.doi.gov/1r8YF1q>. Hardcopies of these documents are available upon request.

If you do not agree with and feel that you are adversely affected by this decision you may file a Notice of Appeal (see enclosed Form 1842-1, September 2006).

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Eric Baxter, Project Lead at the BLM Winnemucca District Office at 775-623-1586.

Sincerely,

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